Compensation, Advancement & Benefits

The New York State Unified Court System offers competitive salaries, comprehensive benefits and opportunities for advancement. The starting salaries effective April 2019 for Court Reporter (JG-24) is $77,054 and for Senior Court Reporter (JG-27) is $90,661. Additional location pay for New York City Metropolitan area.

Advancement opportunities include:

- Supervising Court Reporter (JG-25)
- County Supervising Court Reporter (JG-25)
- Citywide Supervising Court Reporter (JG-26)
- Senior Court Reporter (JG-27)
- Principal Court Reporter (JG-28)

12 Twelve (12) Paid Holidays
20 Twenty (20) Paid Vacation Days in the First Year
27 Twenty-Seven (27) Paid Vacation Days by the Seventh Year

Excellent Retirement Benefits including New York State Pension and Deferred Compensation Option

Comprehensive Health Insurance

Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and NYS-Ride

Location Pay Differential for New York City—Metropolitan Area

Professional Growth and Development

Careers in the Courts

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Court Reporters

- Are responsible for maintaining the official record of court proceedings
- Play an integral role in the fair administration of justice
- Record, transcribe and preserve word-for-word accounts of trials, testimony and other court proceedings (create transcripts of proceedings)
- Maintain chronological record of witnesses
- Mark exhibits
- Read back portions of prior testimony when instructed to by the judge to assist jurors, counsel and the public with factual information regarding a case
- May provide real-time translation services for the benefit of judges, litigants and the deaf and/or hard of hearing

How Do I Become a Court Reporter?

Take the Open-Competitive Court Reporter (JG–24) Exam

and/or

Take the Open-Competitive/Promotional Senior Court Reporter Exam (JG–27) Exam

Exam Information

The Court Reporter (JG-24) and the Senior Court Reporter (JG-27) exams consist of three components:

1. **Written Test** – Multiple choice questions on English grammar, spelling, and usage; vocabulary including legal, medical and technical terminology

2. **Performance Test A** – Create verbatim transcripts of 4-voice testimony of simulated courtroom trials and opening statement by counsel

3. **Performance Test B** – Read back dictation of a judge’s charge from unedited transcript and/or stenographic notes (timed)

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Exam Qualifications

**Court Reporter (JG-24)**

- High school diploma or its educational equivalent and
- One year of general verbatim reporting or
- Graduation from a formal program in court reporting and six months of general verbatim reporting

**Senior Court Reporter (JG-27)**

- High school diploma or its educational equivalent and
- Two years of general verbatim and reporting or
- Graduation from a formal program in court reporting and one year of general verbatim reporting

Other Requirements

- Proficiency in computer-aided transcription (CAT)
- Excellent command of the English language including familiarity with legal, medical and technical terminology
- Court reporter exams are administered utilizing personal stenotype equipment and software. Candidates must bring personal stenotype machine, all necessary equipment and CAT software to the exam

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